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FT. DEFIANCE MAN SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX – Melvin Stewart, DOB 9/6/73, of Fort Defiance, Ariz., was sentenced on Monday, December 13, 2004 to 78 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Teilborg in Phoenix. Stewart pleaded guilty on May 20, 2004 to one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

The defendant had been accused of an ongoing molestation of his girlfriend's minor daughter. Stewart, who initially denied any contact, admitted to some of the acts described by the victim.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations and the FBI. The prosecution was handled by Dyanne C. Greer, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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